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Vandal cheerleaders excite the crowd during a time out at the men's basketball game against Sacramento State in the Cowan Spectrum Saturday. Idaho won 69--58.

HEALTH

Community immunity

Differing opinions shed light on vaccinations

Jake Smith
Argonaut

Lawrence Moran, a non-traditional veteran student at the University of Idaho, said he was stunned when a neighbor asked to bring her infant granddaughter into his home to contract chickenpox from his recently ill children.

He said he wondered if she knew there was a vaccine designed for the illness.

Mike Larson, division administrator for Public Health — Idaho North Central District, said common vaccinations might become an issue of debate in Idaho if large numbers of people are no longer being vaccinated.

Larson said the vaccination debate is not an issue of politics, but an issue of herd immunity being compromised. He said herd immunity is the scientific term

for the effect when a significant portion of the population is vaccinated and provides a level of protection for individuals who have not developed immunity.

With the recent outbreak of mumps in the Northwest and the nationwide outbreak of measles this season, Moran said he's come to terms with how vaccines can be helpful to society.

"If (a) vaccine's effective, and people take it, the only ones who are going to be at risk are those people who don't take the vaccine," Moran said.

Moran said he personally supports vaccination, but is adamantly opposed to governments making vaccines mandatory. He said he thinks it isn't the government's place — nor is there anything explicitly

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Jackson Flynn | Argonaut

Lawrence Moran is a non-traditional UI student who said he supports vaccinations, but he doesn't think the government should require U.S. citizens to get them.

PROVOST SEARCH

Hendrey talks higher ed

Provost candidate addresses cost of college, enrollment, access

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

Elizabeth Hendrey thinks about the challenges facing higher education every day.

As provost and vice president of academic affairs at Queens College, City University of New York, Hendrey said it's her job to create a successful and sustainable college in the ever-changing world of higher education.

"It is a very tumultuous time for high education," Hendrey said, speaking to faculty, staff and students in the Bruce Pitman Center Vandal Ballroom Friday.



Hendrey

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Mumps and the media

Outbreaks in Boise and Washington reportedly linked to Moscow campus

Mary Malone
Argonaut

Anna Olson, staff epidemiologist at the Idaho Public Health office in Lewiston, said there are six confirmed mumps cases in Boise and two in Washington, and based on information the

public health district has received the cases are linked to the fall outbreak at the University of Idaho.

"From what we've been able to learn, the Boise and Washington cases were either directly linked with the University of Idaho campus, or were close contacts

of a person directly linked with the University of Idaho campus," Olson said.

Although some media outlets have reported the outbreak at UI is ongoing, Greg Tatham, assistant vice provost for student affairs, said mumps is no longer a

problem at the university.

"I don't think there is blame to be put on anyone," Tatham said.

Tatham said the last UI mumps case reported to him was Dec. 19. He said it is possible

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CITY

Extradition for shooting suspect delayed

Extradition paperwork caught in mail system, hearing delayed

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

John Lee, the suspect in a Jan. 10 shooting spree in Moscow, will stay in Washington for the time being as Whitman County officials have yet to receive extradition paperwork from the state.

Denis Tracy, Whitman County prosecutor, said Washington Gov. Jay Inslee signed the extradition paperwork last week that would order Whitman County



Lee

to turn Lee over to Idaho law enforcement. The document was mailed, but the Whitman County Sheriff's Office did not receive it by the hearing time Tuesday morning, Tracy said.

"It's just a process, my guess is that the President's Day holiday may have slowed the mail a little bit," Tracy said.

Lee appeared in court Tuesday morning and is being held in Whitman County on one count of felony eluding. He faces three counts of first-degree

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CITY

Bridging the gap

City of Moscow and ASUI collaborate

Graham Perednia
Argonaut

Although City of Moscow Mayor Bill Lambert acknowledges there's a gap between the city and the University of Idaho, he said it's shrinking due to recent collaborations and finally opening lines of clear communication with UI faculty, staff and students.

"People didn't get together and talk," Lambert said. "Everyone had their own turf and stuck to it."

Lambert said one of his top mayoral priorities is to work closely with ASUI to spur more

student involvement in the City of Moscow. He has monthly meetings with ASUI leadership to discuss the issues facing the university and the city. He said by working together, both parties could pool their resources to come up with mutually beneficial programs and activities.

For example, Moscow held a block party during Dads' Weekend last fall and invited students to bring their parents downtown to attend, Lambert said. The city is planning to

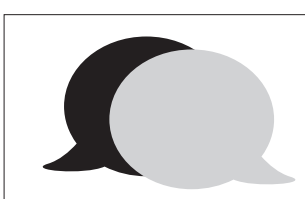
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CRUMBS

A Crumbs recipe



Cake in a mug



Emily Vaartstra | Argonaut

Ingredients

- 4 tablespoons flour
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1 teaspoon canola milk
- 3 tablespoons chocolate chips

Directions

1. Mix flour, sugar and cocoa powder in a large coffee mug
2. In a separate bowl or mug, mix together the egg, milk, oil and vanilla extract
3. Add the wet ingredients to the mug with the dry ingredients
4. Mix well before adding the chocolate chips (do not stir the chocolate chips as they will sink while cooking)
5. Microwave the cake for three minutes. The cake will puff above the rim
6. Let the cake cool and then turn it onto a plate to eat, or eat it out of the mug
7. Add ice cream or whipped cream

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Cloud Nine



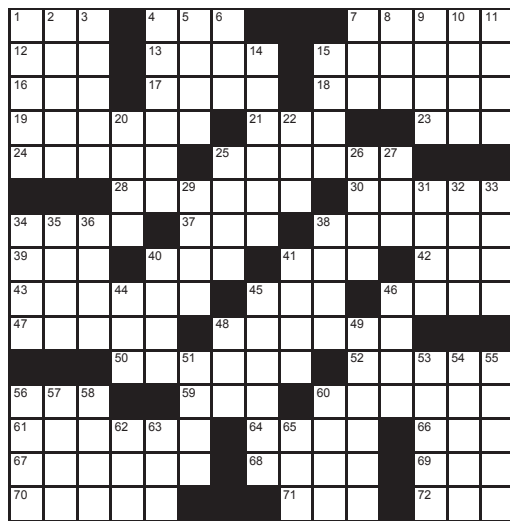
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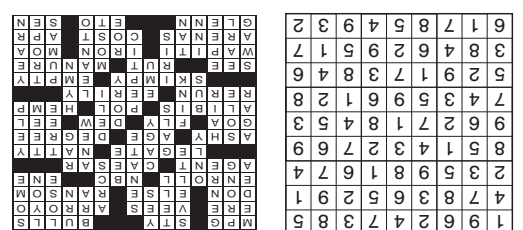
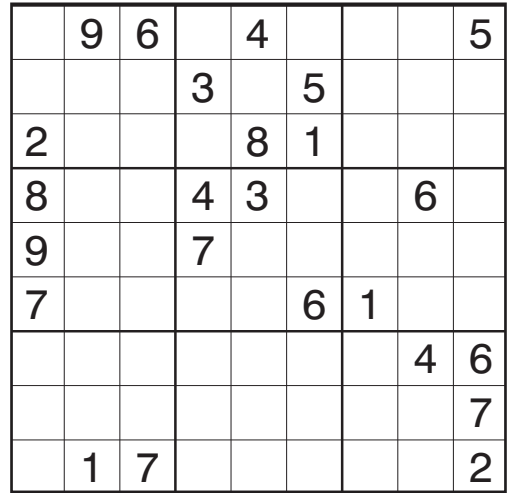


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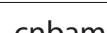
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POLICE

Police chief talks crime prevention

David Duke community crime concerns, vehicle prowls

Corey Bowes
Argonaut

In light of an increase in local vehicle prowls, Moscow Chief of Police David Duke said he encourages people to lock their vehicles every time they exit their car, not just before turning in for the night.

"Please lock your car doors, please take your valuables and remove them out of your car," Duke said.

Duke spoke Wednesday at a League of Women Voters meeting about some of the current challenges facing the police department. He addressed crime issues facing the Moscow community, the new open carry bill introduced in the state legislature and the department's community outreach programs.

Duke talked about the large number of vehicle prowls that had occurred in 2014. He said there were about three or four groups that were doing the prowls regularly. According to Duke, cash and many guns have been stolen, and to date, about seven of the perpetrators have been caught.

Regarding the "constitutional carry" bill that was introduced in the Legislature two weeks ago, Duke said community members should make sure their voices are heard by legislators. The bill, if

enacted, would loosen Idaho gun laws to allow those 21 and older to carry concealed firearms without carrying a permit.

"This is your opportunity to address our legislature and let them know what you seek because the Idaho Chiefs have already sent a protest and said we don't support this bill, but we need everyone to speak on it," Duke said. "If you want it then you need to send your legislature the same thing."

Duke also spoke about the department's drug collection program. He said the program is in place because teen access to prescription drugs is an issue, as well as people flushing and throwing away prescription drugs, which may contaminate the water supply.

"It's been in the reception area as you walk up to the window just to the right of it is our drug drop-off box," Duke said.

The drug drop-off box is available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, he said.

Duke said the officers also have a portable container to take to some of their community engagements.

Duke also spoke about the department's partnership with Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse. He said the organization's commitment to violence prevention has made the police's job easier and the other entities should consider



Amelia C. Warden | Argonaut

League of Women Voters board members gather at the 1912 Center Wednesday to address public safety issues and community outreach programs with Moscow Chief of Police David Duke.

supporting the staff.

"There's a support now going out to the state to get some funding," Duke said. "We couldn't

do what we do for our victims or their families out there of domestic violence without their advocates and their support that they

have and the resources."

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Police log

Friday, Feb. 13

9:39 a.m. 400 block North Main
Caller reported a shoplifter — \$11 worth of merchandise stolen.
8:39 p.m. 100 block Lauder Avenue
A male was arrested for violating a no-contact order.

Saturday, Feb. 14

9:29 a.m. 200 block North Cleveland Street
Vandalism — unidentified person threw a rock through the window of a house.
12:55 p.m. 400 block East Fifth Street
A child threw a pencil at another child causing an eye injury.
7:29 p.m. 1700 block West Pullman Road
Caller reported a shopping cart had

damaged their car. Police believe someone shoved the cart into the car.

Sunday, Feb. 15

1:47 a.m. 300 block North Main Street
A male was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol.
7:32 p.m. 1300 block South Blaine Street
A male was arrested for shoplifting ap-

proximately \$200 worth of merchandise.

Monday, February 16

3:31 p.m. 1100 block Blake Avenue
A male was arrested for punching another male in the face.
9:12 p.m. Baker Street; West A Street
Caller complained of a male in the road pushing a shopping cart. Officers were unable to locate him.

IDAHO LEGISLATURE

Funding transportation improvements

Bill proposes tax increase on gas, vehicle registration

George Wood Jr.
Argonaut

BOISE — Increased prices on fuel and vehicle registration, and new fees on electric and hybrid cars are all components of a bill Rep. Joe Palmer, R-Meridian introduced Monday that he said would be a “complete overhaul” of the way transportation is funded in Idaho.

Palmer’s proposal seeks to raise \$200 million a year after a three-year phase-in period to fund upkeep projects to improve Idaho’s ailing transportation infrastructure. The Idaho Transportation Department has deemed nearly 700 state and local bridges as “structurally deficient,” and another 25 percent are expected to hit that status in the next five years.

Although those are some of the key reasons behind the bill, Palmer is doubtful the proposed legislation would remain intact in its current form.

“There should be a disclaimer as it moves forward, I don’t think any of us here have any illusions that it’s going to be the same if it does come back with a bill number on it,” Palmer said. “As we get this into the public, we would be able to see what we’re dealing with and the types of things we can do to fund transportation.”

Rep. Jason Monks, R-Meridian, moved to introduce the bill before the House Transportation and Defense Committee, which was unanimously approved.

“Normally, I would advocate for not printing bad pieces of legislation, but I understand the purpose of this is to get these ideas out there so that we can actually discuss these,” Monks said.

Idaho’s taxes on fuel have not been adjusted since 1996, and the

new legislation would add 8 cents to every gallon of gasoline, and 12 cents to every gallon of diesel pumped after the bill is signed into law. This initial increase is expected to raise over \$68 million the first year.

After the first year, both will continue to increase by 1 cent per gallon each year, until the Legislature passes a bill to end the increase, or Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter imposes an executive order ending the increase. After the third year, the fuel hikes are expected to raise \$100 million per year.

A 3 cent transfer fee would be placed on licensed fuel distributors who first receive the fuel in Idaho, and Palmer estimates the tax would raise about \$34 million a year after the phase-in period. Rep. Patrick McDonald, R-Boise said he had “serious issues” about this part of the legislation, and said the transfer fee would be passed onto the consumer.

The legislation calls for a 50

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Joe Palmer, Idaho representative

percent increase in the costs to register passenger cars and trucks, a 25 percent increase on commercial truck registration and a 50 percent increase on trip and over legal permits. Palmer justified the proposal by stating Idaho has some of the lowest registration fees in the U.S.

Palmer said hybrid cars and electric cars would dodge much of the fuel price hikes comparatively,

so he proposed electric cars would have to pay a registration fee of \$140 every year and hybrid cars would face a \$75 registration fee each year. He calculated the raise amount to about \$640,000 a year following the phase-in period.

Palmer also suggested about \$23 million a year from sales tax revenue to be shifted from the general fund to the transportation department. Additionally, Palmer included a sales tax exemption on materials used in the construction of roads, estimated to contribute almost \$22 million a year after three years.

“I would find it pretty hard to believe that ... I could take this bill and pass it with all these numbers the way they are,” Palmer said. “I anticipate (other) legislation coming out as soon as I sit in my seat, from the next people that get up, there is definitely other pieces of legislation moving forward.”

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SCIENCE

Summer of scientific research

Biology Department offers opportunity for students to spend summer doing research

Daphne Jackson
Argonaut

Some students look forward to summer as a time to relax and forget about school, but for others summertime provides an opportunity to further explore a chosen field.

For 10 science-minded undergraduate students, this summer will be a chance to conduct research in real time.

The University of Idaho Department of Biological Sciences will host a 10-week summer research program for undergraduates, funded by the National Science Foundation.

David Pfeiffer, director of the UI program, said the Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Program has sites in universities across the country, but this will be the first time it’s come to UI.

“I’d actually run several of these programs at my former institution,” Pfeiffer said. “And then once I moved into this department, I was looking around, interested in getting more undergraduates involved in research and looking at the strengths of this particular department, the department of Biological Sciences, and one of the real strengths here is this theme of molecular and organismal evolution.”

Pfeiffer said the program has 10 spots open to students from other universities as well as UI students. Each student in the program is paired with a faculty researcher from within the Biological Science Department and students spend the majority of their time working in various labs with their assigned researchers.

“They design and then conduct their own research experiments based on that research sort of fitting into the general research of that particular lab, so there’s a wide range of projects,” Pfeiffer said. “Most of (students’) work will be dedicated toward conducting their own research projects, but then the program itself provides other things for these students.”

In addition to the research and lab work,

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They design and then conduct their own research experiments based on that research sort of fitting into the general research of that particular lab, so there’s a wide range of projects.

David Pfeiffer, UI director of REM

Pfeiffer said participating students will have a weekly seminar series and a weekly series in “professional development” to help students learn about things like applying for graduate school, presenting data and searching primary literature.

Online applications for the program are due Monday. The 10 successful applicants will receive room and board, a \$5,250 stipend for the summer and — for students from out of state — round-trip airfare.

The Biological Sciences Department will initially screen applicants based on academic criteria — GPA, a minimum course sequence of biology and chemistry — and a personal essay, which Pfeiffer said should indicate the seriousness of the application. After this process students will have phone interviews to further narrow down the group of applicants, Pfeiffer said.

“The selection criteria gets down to matching students with projects to try to find a good fit for the students,” he said. “Rather than taking students saying, ‘You will work in this lab on this project,’ we ask the students when they’re applying to select three mentors, and we give descriptions of what people do, three mentors that they would like to work with.”

Pfeiffer said he found the mentors by evaluating which research falls within the general theme of molecular and organismal evolution, and approaching faculty members who potentially fit the framework. He said he spoke to 15 or 16 faculty members, all of whom were interested in participating.

“That gives us more mentors than spots, which is actually nice, because it allows mentors, they don’t have to commit — they can cycle in and out of the program year after year,” he said. “So sometimes they can be a mentor one summer, and then the next summer, if they’re on sab-

atical or some other issue’s keeping them, it doesn’t work, then they don’t have to be a mentor.”

In choosing mentors for the program, Pfeiffer said he was also focused on choosing faculty members who have experience working with undergraduates, and was relieved to discover all the selected mentors had that experience. He said most of them have undergraduate students and graduate students already working in their labs.

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HENDREY

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Hendrey is one of five candidates vying for the position of provost and executive vice president at the University of Idaho.

Hendrey said the cost of college is a major concern for students and their families. At UI, she said the challenge does not seem to be as pressing, as the university has affordable in-state tuition rates and offers merit-based scholarships for in-state and out-of-state students. Hendrey said even though there's still some work to be done, she was encouraged to see the average UI student has \$4,000 less debt than the national average.

Hendrey said universities face

further scrutiny from the general public and the federal government, and institutions are being asked to show their value to society.

"High quality institutions have to do more about explaining why they are high quality, and that hasn't been necessary in the past," she said.

Hendrey said higher education also faces issues of enrollment and access. In Idaho, she said the rate at which high school students attend college lags behind other states, particularly among minority students. She said reversing the trend is a long-term goal that would require outreach on the part of UI and work within the K-12 system to ensure students are ready for college.

Hendrey said UI should reach out to nontraditional students to

increase enrollment and provide them with the skills they need in a modern work force.

"It might be good for the bottom line as well, but I think it would be good for the state and good for those individuals," she said.

A large part of increasing conversion rates is reaching students at a young age and showing them higher education is a possibility, Hendrey said.

"It's an important social problem, and I think it's something universities need to address," she said.

Hendrey said she is attracted to UI because of the balance between the land-grant research mission and the focus on the undergraduate experience. She said she would

also like a change from her current position and would enjoy working on a centralized campus in a smaller community.

Hendrey said distance education plays an important role in the future of higher education and can also attract non-traditional students who might not have the means to physically come to campus.

Speaking with a group of students before the presentation, Hendrey said although she does not oversee student affairs in her current position, she interacts with students often. She said hearing student perspectives and ideas is important to her, and as provost, she would like to have regular meetings with students.

Hendrey said she didn't anticipate becoming an administrator early in her career, but found a strong interest in building academic programs and having a stake in the entire institution.

"I find a creative aspect to administration," she said.

Although there are many issues affecting higher education, Hendrey said she thinks UI has taken positive steps toward addressing these challenges and is optimistic the university can be successful going forward.

"I learned a great deal about what you do, and I have to say, became even more impressed about what a terrific place it is," Hendrey said.

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KATS

FROM PAGE 1

and executive vice president position at the University of Idaho, said he always aspired to work for a university that gives back to the public.

Kats is the third finalist to visit UI for an on-site interview and open forum. He is currently the vice provost for research and strategic initiatives at Pepperdine University in California and has held the position since 2011.

Addressing an audience of faculty and staff Tuesday, Kats said a few major challenges facing higher education are accessibility and affordability, maintaining universities as innovation centers and focusing on community-level research and engagement.

Kats said he is impressed with UI's efforts to address these chal-

lenges, and believes the leadership of UI President Chuck Staben will be instrumental in moving the university forward.

"The University of Idaho is uniquely poised to deal with these challenges," he said. "The university is in good shape to make those adaptations."

Kats said he hopes the issue of college accessibility and affordability will be at the forefront of higher education problem solving strategies in the years to come.

"It's a good dialogue to have," he said. "The country, the state will be a better place if the University of Idaho can solve these issues and enroll more students."

He acknowledged UI's enrollment shortfalls and said if he were hired, he would place a strong emphasis on retention efforts.

Kats said there is a stigma among

some legislators and members of the public that higher education institutions aren't the centers of innovation they used to be. He said some of the most intelligent and innovative humans — university students, staff and faculty — are packed into places that are not creative.

"Universities have to figure out a way to break through that and become innovative places once again," he said.

To combat this challenge at Pepperdine, Kats created an innovation initiative where faculty, staff and students proposed research projects and competed for significant funding to pursue their ideas, he said.

Kats said one of the overarching goals of higher education intuitions should be to put an emphasis on community engagement. Reflecting on his childhood, Kats said

land-grant institutions play a public service role in small communities.

Kats said he was elated to see much of UI's research is done through collaborations among different colleges and departments.

"Out of all the universities I've read about, looked at and I've visited ... I see more interdisciplinary work going on here already that most institutions even think about," he said.

Kats has spent most of his career in private, religion-affiliated institutions — such as Pepperdine — and believes the experience would positively contribute to UI. He said he believes there are constraints on those institutions, and he would like to work at a university where possibilities are limitless.

Kats said he has been a "thorn in (Pepperdine's) side" for pushing diversity efforts. He said one of the reasons he would like to come to

UI is because of its strong commitment to diversity.

"We are better students, we are better teachers and we are better scholars when we have colleagues from diverse backgrounds," he said.

Kats said if he were hired at UI, he would ensure there is adequate representation among the colleges and departments when it comes time to develop a strategic plan for future years.

He said he is not afraid to address challenges in higher education, rather he is excited to overcome them.

"I don't view the challenges of higher education as ominous and as something to be discouraged about, but as something to take head on," Kats said. "I think (UI) is in a great position to do that."

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murder and one count of attempted murder in Latah County once the extradition process is complete.

Tracy requested delaying the extradition hearing Tuesday to allow time for the paperwork to reach Whitman County. Whitman

County Superior Court Judge David Frazier approved the extension and rescheduled the extradition hearing for March 6.

Lee also has a readiness trial March 6 regarding the felony eluding charge in Whitman County.

Steve Martonick, Lee's court appointed lawyer, did not have any concerns with the extension.

"Apparently the check's in the mail, I've got no objection giving the state a few more days," he said.

If the extradition is signed March 6, Tracy said he would request Lee receive a ruling on the felony eluding charge and be extradited before serving a sentence in Washington. Tracy said he would drop the eluding charge if Latah County

prosecutors want Lee extradited immediately to move forward with his murder charges in Idaho.

"Realistically, he's not getting out of prison in Idaho," Tracy said. "So, once he gets over there, we're not going to want him back."

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MUMPS

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that UI students may have spread the disease, but he can't confirm reports that UI students are continuing to spread it.

He said the outbreak lasted from September to December. In that time, 14 cases confirmed through bloodwork were reported to Tatham by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. There were probably more mild cases that were not reported, he said.

Mumps is not a common disease in the area, and the outbreak at UI was the first time the district has seen an outbreak in years, Olson said.

Tatham said the outbreak might have spread if people did not listen to their doctors. To his knowledge, doctors advised anyone with mumps to stay home, Tatham said. Some people probably didn't listen to them and ended up spreading it to others, he said.

"If you do go to your health care provider, listen to your health care provider," he said.

Mumps is a highly contagious virus and Tatham said it is important to get immunized. The MMR vaccine is effective against measles, mumps and rubella. He said some people who got the mumps were vaccinated and there have been reports that the vaccine may not be effective for all strains of the virus. A number of people who contracted the disease were not vaccinated, he said.

He said even though there have been no reports of the mumps at UI for two months, it is still important to be up-to-date with the MMR vaccine because the measles outbreak that started in California has spread to Washington.

"Students who have been susceptible to the mumps may be susceptible to the measles," Tatham said. "We don't want it to spread to UI."

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put on a similar event or activity during one of the upcoming Vandal Fridays. The hope is to get people talking to one another, Lambert said.

"One of my favorite things to do is talk to college students," Lambert said. "(To) see what's on their minds, to see what they are thinking."

The student population has a huge economic impact on the city, Lambert said, in part because they spend money at local businesses.

"When the university prospers, the city prospers," Lambert said.

The City of Moscow is a great place for students to explore and discover new things, ASUI President Nate Fisher said. He said it's important for students to know more beyond the limits of the campus.

"It will make the college experience better if you connect to the city," Fisher said. "For what Moscow has, it is pretty unique."

Fisher said exploring the city gives students a real world connection and gives students the opportunity to experience more things than what they would if they only stayed on campus.

"The college experience is much more than what you learn in the classroom," Fisher said.

City Councilman John Weber said he is also in favor of UI students becoming more involved with the city. He said the people are friendly and there are plenty of great places to visit.

"We have a diverse population," Weber said. "We welcome anybody."

A lot of students think their world begins and ends on campus, Weber said, because campus is where their classes, friends and clubs are. But students can have even more experiences off-campus. For example, Weber said students can even serve as student liaisons on city commissions.

"We welcome student involvement on our city commissions," Weber said.

Weber said participating in citywide discourse allows students to get to know members of the city council and members of the community.

"You get to know people outside of your regular social lives," Weber said. "It always helps to put a face to a name."

The hope is to build a strong relationship between the City of Moscow and UI, Lambert said. He said doing so will help the area grow and prosper.

"We can be a huge example setter in the state," he said. "Our community can be the shining star in Idaho."

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IMMUNITY

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written in the constitution giving it the power — to tell an individual he or she needs to undergo a procedure for their own good. He said vaccinations are an issue of choice.

Moran said the vaccine debate parallels the abortion debate. He said women have the choice to carry a child, just as an individual has the control over getting a vaccination or not.

Whether or not he agrees with the choice an individual makes, his opinion should not affect their liberty to make that choice, Moran said.

Moran said he thinks it's a violation of individual liberty when a government institutes compulsory vaccinations in order to maintain control of a disease within its population.

Larson said he supports the state's current vaccine recommendations and the option of personal or parental waiver. However, if herd immunity is compromised, thereby compromising public safety, there may need to be a system of mandatory vaccination put into place, Larson said.

Larson said the most common side effects of getting a vaccination are redness and swelling at the sight of injection and an associated fever.

There can be other adverse effects, as is normal with other medications, Larson said.

If there are adverse

effects from a vaccination, Larson said people are urged to fill out a vaccine adverse events report (VAERS) through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) so the effects may be collected, analyzed and made available to the public.

There are 28,000 adverse events reported to the CDC each year through the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System, according to Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine Preventable Diseases 12th Edition, a CDC publication.

Parents and providers in the U.S. are more likely to know someone who experienced an adverse event following immunization than they are to know someone who experienced a vaccine-preventable disease, according to the CDC publication.

Larson said there was a time when thousands of people would die from a single disease, and once vaccines were unveiled for public use they were well received. The recent public wariness of vaccination has been a byproduct of the success of vaccines, he said, and those currently opposed to vaccination can't remember a time without life-saving vaccines.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Vandal victory

Idaho defense suffocates
Hornet offense Saturday

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

Idaho coach Don Verlin said Mike Scott's performance in Saturday's 69-58 victory over Sacramento State might have been the best of his career.



Mike Scott

"Mike Scott probably played his best overall game," Verlin said of his senior point guard. "He had to handle the ball versus the pressure, he had to guard the best player, he got trapped all

night long. He was exhausted ... and he kept fighting through it — I was proud of Mike."

Scott finished with 15 points, six rebounds and four assists, all while holding Sacramento State's leading scorer Mikh McKinney to 15 points on 6-of-15 shooting.

With Eastern Washington's loss to Portland State earlier in the day, Sacramento State entered the game as the conference's No. 1 team — which was short lived, as it moved back to second place after the loss.

Senior shooting guard Connor Hill said Idaho is one of the better teams in the conference.

"We've proved over the course of this season that we can play with anyone in this league," Hill said. "When we're playing well, sharing the ball, playing as a team, that's when we're the best and we can play with anyone."

After a 1-2 road trip, Idaho responded with two wins over Portland State and Sacramento State, improving to 11-12 overall and 6-6 in conference competition. The two wins propelled Idaho from eighth to sixth place in the Big Sky standings.

Next up is a pair of road games against two teams Idaho has yet to play this season.

First up, Thursday Idaho will travel to Flagstaff, Arizona, to take on an NAU team currently at fourth place in the Big Sky standings with an 8-4 conference record.

Then, Saturday the team will be in

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Junior forward Paulin Mpawe reaches for the tip during Saturday's game against Sacramento State at the Cowan Spectrum. Idaho won 69-58 over the second-best team in the conference.

Amelia C. Warden | Argonaut

BIG SKY CONFERENCE Roundup

Eastern Washington (19-6, 10-2)



After their loss to Portland State last Saturday, the Eagles were in jeopardy of losing their top spot in the conference standings. Thanks to Idaho's victory over Sacramento State, Eastern kept its No. 1 seed. We wonder if Don Verlin got a valentine from EWU coach Jim Hayford.

Sacramento State (16-8, 10-3)



The Inland Northwest wasn't too kind to the Hornets last week. After winning their last seven games, they lost two in a row to Eastern Washington and Idaho, which bumped them out of first place. Next, they play a Northern Colorado team that has already beat them once this season, then North Dakota, who only lost to them by two points. This could be the fall of Sacramento State.

Montana (14-10, 10-3)



Don't count out the Grizzlies just yet for the No. 1 seed and hosting rights for the Big Sky Tournament. They won nine out of their last 11 games, but the two losses came from the two teams above them in the standings. A Feb. 28 matchup against Eastern Washington might decide a lot of hotel reservations and which city to book them to.

Northern Arizona (13-12, 8-4)



The Lumberjacks were chopped down by Idaho State last Thursday, but were able to rebound with a win over Weber State. They continue to lurk in the No. 4 spot though, but will host EWU and Idaho this week, so things could change.

Northern Colorado (12-12, 7-6)



The Bears lost three of their last four games. While most teams have six games left, they have five, which could be huge by the last week of the season as far as tournament seeding goes.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Hornets sting Vandals with 3s

Turnovers, 3-pointers hurt Vandals in weekend loss

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

The final stretch of the season features four out of the final six games at home for the Idaho women's basketball team.

This is a welcome sight on the schedule for a team with some work to do to qualify for the Big Sky Tournament in March.

Thursday, the Vandals host fifth-place Northern Arizona

before ninth-place Southern Utah comes to town Saturday.

"It's do or die," Idaho coach Jon Newlee said. "We gotta win these games, we gotta play our way into that top eight. It's time to get going."

Idaho currently sits at 11th place in the conference after a Saturday loss to Sacramento State. The Vandals came into their first season in the Big Sky off two straight WAC Championships and NCAA Tournament appearances, but they have struggled during their first season in the new conference.

Against the Hornets, 3-pointers and turnovers doomed the Vandals Saturday. Idaho (10-13, 4-8 Big Sky) lost the game 92-84 after Sacramento State (11-13, 9-4) hoisted up 49 3s, making 19 of them. The Hornets made a combined 37 3-pointers and scored 199 combined points in their two wins over Idaho this season.

"They had kids shooting 17 percent from 3 go 4-for-7, hit 50 percent today," Newlee said. "And the other kid making 3s that hasn't made squat all year

long, and all of a sudden they're out there making them. We had some breakdowns on those kids. We were helping inside, but we still needed to contest a little better."

Sacramento State's 3-point total was the second highest in the NCAA this season, but Idaho also had 24 turnovers in the loss. Senior guard Stacey Barr led all scorers with 28 points, but she threw away eight turnovers as well.

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BIG SKY CONFERENCE BASKETBALL

Standings

Women	Team	Conf.	GB	Ovr.
	Montana	10-3	—	17-7
	Sacramento State	9-4	1	11-13
	E. Washington	8-4	1.5	15-8
	N. Dakota	8-5	2	16-9
	N. Arizona	7-5	2.5	11-12
	N. Colorado	7-6	3	13-11
	Weber State	6-7	4	11-13
	Idaho State	6-7	4	11-13
	S. Utah	5-7	4.5	12-10
	Montana State	5-8	5	11-13
	Idaho	4-8	5.5	10-13
	Portland State	1-12	9	3-21

Athletes of the week

Connor Hill — men's basketball



Hill

In two critical games for Idaho to improve its seed in the Big Sky Tournament and shake up the Big Sky overall, the Vandals went 2-0 due in large part to senior guard Connor Hill. Against Portland State Thursday, Hill lit up the Cowan Spectrum with an outstanding 28 points in the Idaho win. Hill shot 81 percent from the field and made 8-of-9 3-pointers, which tied his career-high. Against Sacramento State Saturday night, Hill cooled off only shooting 3-for-10 with two 3-pointers. Nonetheless, Hill still put up 11 points and helped lead Idaho to a huge win over the Hornets, who are in second place in the Big Sky.

Ali Forde — women's basketball



Forde

The Idaho women's basketball team went 1-1 over the past week, taking a win in Portland against Portland State, but dropping a game to Sacramento State on the road. Sophomore forward Ali Forde played well for the Vandals over the two-game stretch starting with 13 points, five rebounds and one block against PSU.

Her point total was the second-highest total on the team behind senior guard Stacey Barr. In the loss to Sacramento State, Forde was a monster on the boards. She pulled down a game-high 13 rebounds along with nine points and four blocks. Six of Forde's rebounds came on the offensive side, too. Forde and the Vandals return to Moscow against Northern Arizona Thursday and Southern Utah Saturday.

Rita Bermudez — women's tennis



Bermudez

The women's tennis team went 1-1 last week with a win over Lewis-Clark State College Feb. 9 and a loss to Big Sky rival Sacramento State Friday. Rita Bermudez played a part in the Vandals' success with wins in doubles and singles in both games. Bermudez went off against Stephani Buckingham of LCSC in the No. 2 singles match winning 6-2, 6-0. In doubles, the junior from Tucson, Arizona, teamed up with Lucia Badillos in the No. 2 doubles match defeating Hannah Uhlenkott and Lauren Lang of LCSC 6-3. Despite the loss to Sacramento State, Bermudez won her singles match against Anna-Maria Nau 7-5, 6-4 in the No. 2 singles match. She paired up with Badillos again, this time in the No. 3 doubles match, and defeated Hornet's Daria Savchenko and Ana Loaziz Equivias 6-4.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Living up to hype

Idaho women's golf wins first invite of year, weather cuts play short

Garrett Cabeza
Argonaut

Sometimes, Mother Nature doesn't like cooperating with athletic events.

This was the case when the Idaho women's golf team competed at the Delta Gamma Challenge Monday in New Braunfels, Texas.

Play was cancelled partway through the third round because temperatures were in the mid-30s and wind gusts were around 35 mph. Only the scores from the first two rounds were counted in the final score.

The Vandals tied with Arkansas-Little Rock for the lead after shooting a two-round, 7-over-par 575. However, Idaho was declared the sole winner based on its No. 5 golfer Kendall Gray's second round score, which was the tiebreaker.

"We felt confident going into this tournament," Idaho coach Lisa Johnson said. "We believed we could win. But to see the team be able to pick up where we left off in the fall and be competitive was wonderful."

Idaho, which was picked to win

the Big Sky Conference in the Big Sky Preseason Coaches Poll, lived up to the hype by winning the Delta Gamma Challenge — its first event of the year.

The Vandals couldn't have asked for a better first round as they held the team lead and senior Leilanie Kim held the individual lead.

Idaho led after the first round with a 3-under-par 281 and Kim shot a first-round low 4-under-par 67.

Kim cooled off in the second round carding a 3-over-par 74. She finished with a 1-under-par 141 to tie for fourth with Houston's Raegan Bremer.

"Leilanie's a long ball striker so that was to her advantage," Johnson said. "We had worked a lot on her putting the last week or two and definitely saw the results of all that hard work in the first round. She made a lot of putts."

Two other Vandals finished in the top 15. Junior Kristin Strankman shot an even-par 71 in both rounds for a 142 to tie for sixth and sophomore Amy Hasenoehrl tied for 15th by shooting a 72 and 73 to finish with a 3-over-par 145.

Senior Kaitlyn Oster tied for 24th and freshman Kendall Gray tied for 47th to round out the scoring for



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the Vandals.

Idaho will hope for better weather when it competes at the Dr. Donnis Thompson Invitational March 10-11 in Honolulu.

Houston finished third and host Texas State took fourth at the Delta Gamma Challenge. Texas State's Lora Assad, Youngstown State's Aislynn Merling and Arkansas-Little Rock's Sabrina Bonanno tied for first by posting a 2-under-par 140.

"I was extremely impressed with how we looked," Johnson said. "We looked fundamentally strong going into that tournament."

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Senior Kaitlyn Oster follows through a shot in the fairway Sept. 22 during the WSU Cougar Cup. Oster and the Vandals won their first first tournament of the spring season Monday at the Delta Gamma Challenge in New Braunfels, Texas.

SWIMMING & DIVING

Utes unravel Vandals

Utah handles Idaho, Vandals to focus on WAC

IDAHO VS UTAH



Garrett Cabeza
Argonaut

Athletes always want to win the last game of the regular season, especially at home.

The Idaho swim team was unable to make this happen as they lost to the Utah Utes 153-88 Saturday at the UI Swim Center.

The Vandals now have a week to prepare for the WAC Championships, which begin Monday in San Antonio.

"We're a very even-keeled team," Idaho coach Mark Sowa said. "We don't worry about morale at all. I think we're an emotion-

ally very steady team, so we love good competition, and Utah's a very good team, but so are we."

Utah won 10 out of the 13 events at the meet. Idaho won the 500-yard freestyle with freshman Christine Renzini, the 50 breaststroke with senior Laura Griffing and the 200 freestyle relay with a team of seniors Kirah Monks and Erica Anderson and juniors Jamie Sterbis and Sami Hendricks.

"I think if we swim these guys at a different time of year, we match up much better than we do today," Sowa said.

Even in the loss, Sowa

found some bright spots in the meet, including sophomore Tori Papke.

"Tori is really starting to come around a little bit and we're going to need her in the end," Sowa said.

Papke helped her 200 medley relay team to a third-place finish, finished third in the 100 freestyle and finished second in the 200 individual medley.

"Overall, I think I swam alright and some girls swam really well, so I was really happy with it," Papke said.

Papke said she likes competing against tough teams.

"It kind of brings us to the level of them," she said.

"It's always good to swim against a faster team."

Sowa said his main goal of the meet was to get healthy and stay healthy after the meet, so he accommodated the lineup to help achieve his goal.

"Obviously, we want to win a meet, but we want to be great in a week and a half from now," he said in regard to the WAC Championship.

Sowa said he is not sure what his lineup will look like at the conference championships.

"We're going to try and win a championship," he said. "Not quite sure what it's going to take to do that

TOP PERFORMERS

EVENT	PLACE	NAME	TIME
500 FREE	1ST	RENZINI	5:07:20
500 BREASTSTROKE	1ST	GRIFFING	29:53

yet, so we're going to figure it out. We still have some decisions to make on some kid's events and we still have some decisions to make on some relays ... It's an inexact science, but that's the fun part, the strategy behind it."

Sowa said his team will focus on rest this week in practice. He said his team has been dealing with illness, so the main focuses

this week is getting healthy and working on speed.

"The work's been done, so we're not going to change much of that," Sowa said. "But the more rest that we can get, the more speed we'll develop and these girls will come around. We'll be there in the end."

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

UI gets rough start in Big Sky

Idaho falls in a battle of 2014 NCAA Tournament teams

Joshua Gamez
Argonaut

Going up against a team that won 13-straight conference championships is a daunting task, but the Idaho women's tennis team battled Sacramento State to the last point Friday in Cheney, Washington. The Vandals came into the match having out-scored each of their last three opponents by a combined score of 19-2.

The Vandals stuck with the preseason Big Sky favorites, and despite earning the doubles point, thanks to wins at No. 2 and No. 3 doubles, the Hornets outlasted Idaho 4-3.

"We wanted to beat them but hanging with them this early is positive," Idaho coach Mariana Cobra said. "We may have lost but hey, we hung with the 13 time champs. Last

year we lost to New Mexico State early and we beat them in conference."

The loss was Idaho's first Big Sky match since returning to the conference last summer. The loss dropped Idaho to 3-2 (0-1 Big Sky) on the season. Sacramento State improved to 3-4 on the season.

Idaho will try to get back into the winning column Friday when the team travels to Spokane to take on Gonzaga. Afterward, the Vandals play Northern Colorado Sunday in Lewiston.

The match proved Idaho could compete with anybody in the Big Sky, Cobra said. She said it showed they are in a good position going forward.

Idaho claimed victories at No. 1 and No. 2 doubles to continue its momentum coming off the hard-fought doubles point, but a three-set victory by Sacramento State's Deimant Bulatovaite over Idaho's Lucia Badillos in the No. 4 singles match-up proved to be the momentum shifter, as Idaho didn't

win a match for the rest of the contest. Sacramento State swept the final four singles matches to clinch the win.

"We want to be known for being a really good doubles team," Cobra said. "We want, whenever we play somebody, to know that Idaho is a great doubles team."

After Badillos won the first set in convincing fashion, she dropped the final two sets, each by two points. Sophie Vickers and Emmie Marx, despite losing in straight sets, also played in competitive matches against their opponents.

The team had its chances to get the win, Cobra said. She said the team stayed disciplined and did everything they had been working on in practice.

"We looked good overall, we just need better match-to-match game planning," Cobra said.

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DOUBLES

1. Boija/Ong (SAC) def. Marx/Bykova (UI) 6-2

2. Vickers/Barcellina (UI) def. Soltanici/Bulatovaite (SAC) 6-3

3. Bermudez/Badillos (UI) def. Savchenko/Esquivias (SAC) 6-4

SINGLES

1. Bykova (UI) def. Soltanici (SAC) 6-3, 6-2

2. Bermudez (IDAHO) def. Nau (SAC) 7-5, 6-4

3. Bulatovaite (SAC) def. Badillos (IDAHO) 1-6, 6-4, 7-5

4. Boija (SAC) def. Vickers (UI) 6-2, 7-6 (7-1)

5. Ong (SAC) def. Marx (UI) 6-4, 7-6 (7-0)

6. Esquivias (SAC) def. Flores (UI) 6-0, 6-0

VANDAL

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Cedar City, Utah, to play Southern Utah. The Thunderbirds, with recent wins over Weber State and Idaho State, are 4-8 in conference play and sit two games behind the Vandals in ninth place.

Verlin said a reason for the Vandals' improved play of late is simple — they're starting to mature as a team.

"We're getting more seasoned," Verlin said. "We're getting better, especially defensively. We're not making the defensive errors we did and we're able to withstand a little adversity. It's good to see this team grow."

Sacramento State's 58 points against the Vandals tied for its second lowest

total of the season.

With an offense ranked second in the conference in points per game, averaging 77.2 PPG, Idaho now appears to have a defense to go with it. This has Verlin confident for the final stretch of the season and, hopefully, into the Big Sky Tournament.

"I think the team that plays the best, gets hot in the tournament, will be the team getting out and going to the NCAA Tournament — why shouldn't it be us?" Verlin said. "We got enough talent ... If we play right, we'll have a chance to win the conference tournament. We got to get there first though."

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	1ST	2ND	TOT
SAC	33	25	58
IDAHO	37	32	69

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REB MPAWE — 9

AST SCOTT/WIGGS — 4

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2/21 AT SOUTHERN UTAH

ROUND UP

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Idaho (11-12, 6-6)



Whoa. The Vandals are in sixth place and could, with a little bit of luck, jump to fourth in the standings with two wins this week. This team was in eighth place this time last week.

Portland State (12-11, 6-7)



The Vikings avenged their loss to Idaho with an upset victory over Eastern Washington, which was the Eagles' first home loss of the season. Props to Portland State.

Weber State (10-14, 5-8)



After winning the Big Sky last season, the Wildcats are barley holding onto the last seed for the conference tournament. It's not looking good for them either. They've lost six of their last eight games and have games against Idaho, Eastern Washington and Montana still on their schedule.

Southern Utah (7-16, 4-8)



The Thunderbirds put an end to a five-game losing streak with two straight wins over Weber State and Idaho State. The team only has one player, A.J. Hess, averaging in double figures in points, and with Eastern Washington and Idaho next up on their schedule, it might be tough for them to build on their winning streak.

North Dakota (8-16, 4-9)



Now on a three game losing streak, the team formally known as the Fighting Sioux has a lot of work to do if they want to earn a conference tournament bid. A two-point loss to last place Montana State doesn't bode well for the team's confidence either.

Idaho State (6-19, 3-10)



The Bengals are still mathematically in the hunt to make the conference tournament. Games against Montana, Eastern Washington and Idaho will make it tough for them to stay in the 11th spot in the standings.

Montana State (3-10, 6-19)



The rest of the Big Sky should take notice because here come the red-hot Bobcats. Back-to-back wins over Northern Colorado and North Dakota have MSU fans buzzing.

ATHLETES

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Laura Griffing — swim and dive



Griffing

In her last home meet as a Vandal, Laura Griffing was one of only two Idaho swimmers to win an individual event Saturday against Utah. The senior from Kodiak, Alaska, won the 50-yard breaststroke in 29.53 seconds. She beat the next competitor by only 0.07 seconds. She also finished third in the 100 breaststroke in 1:07.69. The Vandals fell to the Utes 153-88 in the meet. Now, Idaho prepares this week for the WAC Championships Monday in San Antonio. Idaho coach Mark Sowa said the team is working on getting healthy and maximizing speed this week.

HORNETS

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Even with the struggles, Idaho still had chances to take control of the game. After struggling early, the Vandals came back to tie the game at 40 with 18 seconds left in the half. Fantasia Hilliard hit a last-second 3-pointer to give the Hornets a three-point lead heading into the locker room.

The Vandals also grabbed a five-point lead with 17 minutes left in the game on a 3-pointer of their own by freshman post Geri McCorkell. From there, Idaho struggled again, falling behind by as many as 22 points.

"The game really flipped quickly on us," Newlee said. "You can't do that against a team that plays their style. We got away from our game plan after we got up by five. I thought some rushed shots kind of played into their hands right then."

Idaho went on a 13-2 run to spark a comeback attempt with less than five minutes remaining in the game, but it wasn't enough to beat the Hornets.

Idaho did have a couple bright spots in the game. Junior post Ali Forde dominated the paint for Idaho, forcing the massive amount of 3-pointers by Sacramento State. The Vandals also received a spark from



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Jon Newlee, coach

sophomore guard Karlee Wilson who started the game instead of coming off the bench like she usually does. The Lewiston, Idaho, native finished with 14 points and six assists.

"I thought Karlee was tremendous today," Newlee said. "It really hurt us when she ran out of gas for a stretch and I had to take her out. She just played her heart out and played as hard as she could. I couldn't be happier with Karlee's game today."

Newlee said he was proud of his team's comeback attempt despite the loss and said his team needs to have the same mentality going into the final stretch of the season.

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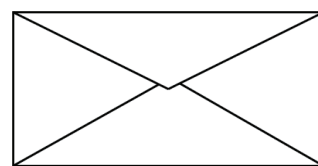
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OUR VIEW

Participate in provost search

Lack of student presence at provost forums is concerning

The University of Idaho is in the middle of hiring another top-level administrator — provost and executive vice president.

It's critical to the future of the institution, yet student interest in the process is disappointing. This has become an expected response from students, as evidenced by similar participation in the high-profile searches of the past year.

The provost and executive vice president serves as the right-hand administrator to President Chuck Staben — an interim role Katherine Aiken has held since 2012 after former provost, Doug Baker, left UI to become the president at Northern Illinois University.

The provost is responsible for

executing Staben's plans for UI and the mission of the university. The provost serves as the president's internal enforcer and directly oversees much of the direction of UI's academic programs, which has the potential to drastically impact students' education.

The position's responsibilities stretch not only to determining the course of education for enrolled students, but also to bringing students — and keeping them — at UI.

UI needs a candidate who will take charge, adapt the university's mission for the current age, help accomplish the president's goals and build relationships with students, faculty, staff and community members.

Students need someone who places student success at the forefront. As a key player in academic direction, Student Affairs, student life and academic support, it is critical the provost understands the needs of

students and is able to integrate their needs and Staben's goals to create a positive environment.

Whoever fills the role of provost will have a wide-reaching impact on UI and its faculty, staff, students and future. Student participation in the hiring process is essential to finding the best candidate.

Three of the five candidates for the position, Fayneese Miller, Elizabeth Hendrey and Lee Kats, already visited UI, met with various groups and gave open presentations. Student participation lacked at all three candidate forums.

When the final two candidates visit UI, students should attend the sessions, ask questions and provide feedback to the search committee.

Candis Claiborn, dean of Washington State University's College of Engineering and Architecture, presents at 3:30 p.m. Friday in the International Ballroom in the Bruce Pitman

Center, formerly the Student Union Building. Monday, John Wienczek, interim provost as Virginia Commonwealth University, presents at 3:30 p.m. in the Vandal Ballroom of the Pitman Center.

For those who missed the first three sessions, recordings of each will be posted online after the final presentation Monday. If you couldn't — or can't — make the on-site interviews, take advantage of the online recordings and fill out the feedback form on the UI website before March 3.

It's important students know what may be ahead for UI and how it affects them. Attending the upcoming sessions, watching the recordings of the previous presentations and providing feedback is a simple way students can have a voice in determining the leadership of UI, and in turn, their academic future.

— KH

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

SNL 40

In my personal opinion, the only disappointing thing about this reunion was the fact that it was ironically filmed on a Sunday instead of on a Saturday. In the words of Seth Meyers and Amy Poehler ... really?

—Erin

Pathway to sickness

I'm setting myself up for coming down with something. Late nights doing homework or editing or interviewing or all of them at once. One morning, my body is going to vulgarly tell me to stop.

—Claire

Operation Avarice

According to a New York Times article, the American military deemed this 2005 to 2006 operation involving a secretive Iraqi seller a nonproliferation success. Apparently, the U.S. acquired and destroyed at least 400 Saddam Hussein-era Borak rockets, which were not accounted for by the U.N. That's certainly an interesting little piece of trivia.

—Andrew

Wacky weather

I'm enjoying the warmer weather now and the fact that we might actually have a spring during the academic year, but I'm dreading the inevitable scorching summer.

—Stephan

Spot on

I guess my last OTC about Kitzhaber was more of an understatement than I thought. Today Oregon has a new governor.

—Katelyn

May 16

I should have looked this up earlier, but I didn't do it until last night. Now that I know the actual day I will graduate, the end suddenly seems more certain.

—Daphne

David Carr

He once said the real value of Twitter lies in listening to a collective wired voice, and never was his point more true than with his own death. Alone, each message, tweet and status update about him showed how much he impacted people on a personal level. Together, the collective outpouring of grief and love amplified how much he will be missed and the size of the hole he leaves behind. Rest in peace, Mr. Carr, for you truly left an impact on this world.

—Kaitlyn

Reno

If Sacramento State wins the Big Sky, the conference tournament will take place in Reno. I can get behind that. Sure beats Cheney.

—Korbin

Sticky notes

I feel like I've used the first 10 notes of a hundred different pads.

—Jack

What if I told you

Judges are supposed to uphold the law ... not participate in partisan politics. I literally learned this the first day of constitutional law class.

—Amber

Willamette Week

Who knew an investigative reporter from an alt weekly in Portland could expose two governors within a decade?

—Ryan



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Andrew Jenson
Argonaut

Same game, different crowds

Men's and women's basketball treated differently

Every day, I hear numerous people around campus talk about gender equality and progress. So it's odd how so many draw the line at women's sports. It seems as though there is an illogical distaste of women's sports. People don't seem to think it's as important.

Why is it this way? I've heard excuses ranging from, "They aren't athletic enough," to "It isn't appealing to watch women not act feminine."

Any decent person should be disgusted by this. The level of athleticism in women's sports is equal to any men's team. Also, such standards of femininity are as outdated as those that say it's not my place as a woman to write my opinion or play trombone. Yet, "educated" adults buy into this mindset.

I have attended every home game for basketball and traveled with the teams for tournaments as a member of the Vandal Basketball band for the past three

years. Likewise, I've seen a steady attendance gap between men's and women's games, despite the women's amazing success.

Watching women's college basketball in a different setting is a real eye-opener.

In 2013, the women's basketball team became WAC champions and earned a spot in the NCAA tournament against UConn. The University of Connecticut

basketball arena, which dwarves the Cowan Spectrum, was packed with fans from around the nation who were cheering on women's basketball teams. I had never seen such enthusiasm for women's basketball. It was similar to how men's basketball or football is treated in Moscow.

But the telling moment occurred while I was waiting in line at a concessions stand. The Idaho team and band were naturally a novelty to a primarily Eastern crowd and two Connecticut fans

struck up a friendly conversation with me. Their questions gravitated toward the UI athletic scene and one of them assumed the women's basketball team must surely pack our arena. After an awkward pause, my only response was the truth — people in Idaho largely ignore female athletic events.

If there aren't men playing or women in tight clothing, it probably won't draw much of a crowd. One of the women commented back, "Idaho is a rather backward state." What do you say to something so unfortunately true? We do operate backwards when it comes to gender equality.

It has been awkward at the past few home games when more fans from the opposing team have filled the stands than the Vandals. I doubt it is motivating for the members of the Vandal women's basketball team. They are back-to-back WAC champions, and yet they are treated as if they are secondary to the men's team.



Shannon Kelly
Argonaut

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A week for wellness

National Eating Disorder Awareness Week dissolves misconceptions

Eating disorder one-liners are no joke.

Up to 24 million Americans suffer from anorexia, bulimia, binge eating or some other form of eating disorder, according to the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders (ANAD). A quarter of college-aged women report bingeing and purging as a weight-management technique, according to the ANAD.



Corrin Bond
Argonaut

Luckily, there's a week to recognize and address these diseases with National Eating Disorder Awareness Week Feb. 22-28.

The goal of the week is to raise awareness of eating disorders and to encourage participation in prevention programs.

The theme of this year's awareness week is "I Had No Idea" — a theme intent on breaking down the stigma surrounding mental illness and body image. The goal also aims to create an environment in which individuals with eating disorders feel comfortable seeking help while also prompting others to be cognizant of signs and symptoms that may be exhibited by loved ones and peers.

It wasn't until the 1930's when the medical community began to recognize anorexia and bulimia as psychological, as opposed to purely physical conditions.

Although public knowledge of eating disorders steadily increased over the past few decades, there are still a host of misconceptions surrounding the subject.

A thorough awareness and understanding of eating disorders is necessary to combat major misconceptions and encourage loved ones who may be suffering.

One of the biggest misconceptions surrounding eating disorders is the definition of the mental illness.

A friend does not have to be exceptionally thin to struggle with an eating disorder, and many fail to recognize eating disorder behavior within themselves and others.

There is a spectrum of severity when it comes to eating disorders, and both the type of

disorder and behavioral patterns come in varying degrees.

The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders last year even included a greater degree of behaviors, such as binge eating, extreme diet or exercise and body dysmorphia.

Understanding the signs and symptoms of eating disorders is essential.

It's not always possible to determine whether or not someone has an eating disorder by their appearance alone. Some types of eating disorders — such as bulimia or body dysmorphia — can be easily hidden for long periods of time.

An awareness of eating disorders and how common they are is a step towards dissolving the stigma surrounding the mental illness.

To be able to identify an eating disorder in one's self as well as in peers is important considering the harmful health consequences. A greater understanding of this mental illness will also help communities engage in more eating disorder prevention programs — a critical first step to solving a problem that is perpetuated by society.

There is a prevalence of desensitization when it comes to eating disorders, especially in how they're depicted within popular culture and society.

It's not unusual to find jokes about body image and eating disorder characteristics inserted into movies and popular television shows, either.

Cavalier remarks about eating disorder behaviors are also common in every day conversation. It's not rare to hear someone casually complain about wanting to purge or "never eat again" after a big meal.

Through understanding and prevention, it is possible to shift societal values and work toward establishing a society that disregards shallow appearances and focuses on the health of an individual.

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Q: What role do you think vaccinations should play in society? Should vaccinations be government mandated?

Don't even start!!!! All I have to say is two words. Informed. Consent. If ya dont know what that means ... Google it!

Stephanie Ann



No vac = mumps and measles. Sorry to put it this way, but at one point in history vaccines saved millions of lives and it was absolutely never an issue but a miracle. As someone who studied science in depth, I feel that people ought to study the process of immunization and stop believing every piece of propoganda that is publicized.

Jacob Danton



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